

News & Notes from the National Institute of Nursing Research: September 2012

1. Collaboration on Future NIH News Releases and Other Media

In collaboration with your institution, NINR seeks to promote and disseminate published results of NINR-funded research through the publication of press releases and other media. Should you have an accepted research article (page proof) that you wish to share with NINR, please send an email to info@ninr.nih.gov.

2. 2013 Graduate Partnerships Program Open for Applications

The application period for the 2013 NINR Graduate Partnerships Program (GPP) is now open.

The NINR GPP combines the academic environment of a university and the breadth and depth of research at NIH. The program is open to any doctoral (PhD) student currently enrolled in a school of nursing. Preference is given to applicants with a commitment to a career as an innovative and creative leader in the nursing and scientific research community and a research interest that is congruent with focused research areas in the NIH Intramural Research Programs.

For more information on the 2013 GPP, visit www.ninr.nih.gov/gpp or send an email with “NINR GPP” in the subject line to NINRIRPTraining@mail.nih.gov.

The application deadline is January 3, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

3. Dr. Grady Honored by UCLA School of Nursing

NINR Director Dr. Patricia A. Grady was recently honored with the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) School of Nursing’s Sterling Award.

The award acknowledges “superior achievement in science and health” and recognizes those who have taken “great strides in promoting and improving health across the nation through scientific research and leadership in health communities.”

Dr. Grady also gave the keynote address at the school’s 2012 commencement ceremony, where she discussed the health care challenges of the 21st century and the nursing community’s capacity to lead change and advance health.

As Dr. Grady told the graduating class, “You have the ability to fundamentally change our health care into more equitable, effective, person-centered, accessible, and affordable systems; and you have the remarkable opportunity to bring about sustainable, far-reaching improvements into the lives of people you touch every day, and also into the lives of people the world over.”

4. Jessica Gill, Division of Intramural Research, Named NIH Lasker Clinical Research Scholar

Division of Intramural Research “alumna” Jessica Gill, PhD, CRNP, has returned to NINR as one of the first Lasker Clinical Research Scholars. The Lasker Scholars program is brand new and is the premiere intramural research training program at NIH.

Through this prestigious and competitive program, NIH and the Lasker Foundation seek to nurture the next generation of great clinical scientists. Lasker Scholars can take advantage of a unique combination of NIH funding for clinical research for upwards of 12 years. The program combines a period of independent research as a Principal Investigator in the NIH Intramural Research Program for 5 to 7 years, with the opportunity for additional years of independent financial support either at the NIH or at an extramural research institution.

Gill's research program will examine the biological and neurological factors linked to the risk for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) onset, and the influence of traumatic brain injuries (TBIs) on this risk. It will follow patients during their immediate recoveries and for years afterwards to better understand the risk and resiliency factors related to these outcomes.

Gill's foundational studies include her dissertation research (F31 NR009166), which reported high rates of PTSD in urban health-care seeking women. This research also showed that a PTSD diagnosis was associated with perceived health declines, as well as with higher concentrations of inflammatory markers and dysregulation of endocrine functioning.

Gill was previously an assistant professor at the George Mason University School of Nursing. Prior to that, she completed a post-doctorate fellowship at NINR in conjunction with the National Institute of Mental Health, where she further examined the biological mechanisms of PTSD and depression, finding central and peripheral alterations in the in-vivo functioning of both immune and endocrine systems. She later became a clinical investigator at NIH and was involved in the Center for Neuroscience and Regenerative Medicine (CNRM), where her program of research and clinical practice expanded to better understand the biological mechanisms of PTSD in service members. Gill received her bachelor's of science in nursing (BSN) degree from Linfield College in Portland, Oregon.

5. Registration Open for 2012 Science of Eliminating Health Disparities Summit

General registration for the 2012 Science of Eliminating Health Disparities Summit is now open.

The Summit is an HHS-wide endeavor involving a broad spectrum of the federal government that seeks to advance activities to eliminate health disparities. The agenda will build on the momentum of the 2008 Summit and the increased interest of federal agencies to demonstrate their commitment towards improving the health of all Americans. The Summit represents an ongoing focus on emerging science and its intersection with practice and policy, while maintaining momentum on current national and international trends in addressing the social determinants of health.

The Summit will be held on Wednesday, October 31st, through Saturday, November 3rd, 2012, at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland.

General online registration is available at www.nimhd.nih.gov/summit_site/registration.html.

For more information, please email 2012Summit@mail.nih.gov or visit www.nimhd.nih.gov/summit_site/index.html.

6. Current Funding Opportunity Announcements and Notices

All current NINR Funding Opportunity Announcements, including Requests for Applications (RFAs) and Program Announcements (PAs), as well as Notices of interest from NIH, are available on the NINR website at www.ninr.nih.gov/ResearchAndFunding/DEA/OEP/FundingOpportunities/default.htm. These items can also be found in the NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts: grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/index.html.